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**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

June 7, 2007

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Chair
Diane Houle, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Erwin Fender, PA-C
Rev. Leonard Lovett, PhD
Kenneth Frumkin, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Eusebia L. Joyner, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, PA-C, VAPA
Sheila Pour, PA-C, Crossover Health Center
Dan Januzzi, M.D., Crossover Health Center
Tyler Cox, MSV

CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and quorum declared.

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Bailey announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 5, 2006

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Ms. Houle moved to approve the minutes dated October 5, 2006. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Fender moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

See New Business item #3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on NOIRA-Treatment guidelines for pain management - Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained the draft regulations for the practice standards for treatment and management of chronic pain with the use of opioids.

Mr. Falkenstein suggested that a letter be sent from the Board of Medicine to the DEA authorizing PA's to prescribe schedule II effective July 1, 2007.

2. Summary of 2007 General Assembly Actions

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained new legislation affecting the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Advisory Board of Physician Assistants.

3. Discussion-Regulatory Change Request-Removal of 4th visit rule

Mr. Falkenstein requested a regulatory change amending 18VAC85-59-110 with the removal of the 2nd sentence of paragraph 1 under the Responsibilities of the Supervisor.

The supervising physician shall:

1. See and evaluate any patient who presents the same complaint twice in a single episode of care and has failed to improve significantly. Such physician involvement shall occur not less frequently than every fourth visit for a continuing illness.

Mr. Fender moved that Mr. Falkenstein re-submit his request for a rule change with new wording to the next Advisory board meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Morton informed the Advisory board members of the Department of Health Professions move to a new location in August.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 4, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Houle moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Eusebia L. Joyner, Recording Secretary